1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 9 10 LISA GAMEZ, CASE NO. C24-746 MJP Plaintiff, 11 ORDER DENYING MOTION TO EXTEND CASE SCHEDULE 12 v. SAFEWAY, INC., 13 Defendant. 14 15 16 This matter comes before the Court on the Parties' "Joint Motion for Relief From Initial 17 Scheduling Order Deadlines." (Dkt. No. 15.) Having reviewed the Motion and all supporting 18 materials, the Court DENIES the Motion without prejudice. 19 The Parties ask the Court to extend by sixty days the deadlines set for expert disclosures, 20 discovery motions, discovery, and dispositive motions. As grounds for the request, the Parties 21 state that the extension will "allow enough time to complete depositions, identify experts, and 22 complete discovery" and that "Counsel for plaintiff also has several criminal and civil trials 23 coming up in the spring, relief from the below deadlines will allow enough time for adequate 24

1	completion." (Dkt. No. 15 at 1.) The Court does not find that this demonstrates sufficient good
2	cause to support an extension. The Parties have not explained why they need additional time to
3	complete depositions and discovery, what specific work remains, and why discovery cannot be
4	completed within the remaining month of discovery with diligence. Nor have the parties
5	explained why they could not have timely identified experts and meet the existing case deadline.
6	And, lastly, without more specificity about what specific cases Plaintiff's counsel has pending
7	and why they create immovable conflicts, the Court does not find good cause based on counsel's
8	schedule. The Court reminds counsel for Plaintiff that he owes a duty to his client to litigate this
9	matter diligently and efficiently, and that other case work should not impede that duty. See
10	Washington Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3, 3.2.
11	The Court therefor DENIES the Motion without prejudice. The Parties may renew their
12	request. Should they do so, they must provide greater specificity and clarity as to why any
13	deadline should be extended and what diligent efforts have otherwise been undertaken. The
14	Court also notes that it will not extend the dispositive motion deadline by 60 days, as doing so
15	will not permit sufficient time to rule on any motions for summary judgment prior to trial.
16	The clerk is ordered to provide copies of this order to all counsel.
17	Dated March 3, 2025.
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19	Marsha J. Pechman United States Senior District Judge
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